1	2	3	4	5
J&K	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Hills)	610.56	578.04	709.52
Orissa	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Plains)	30.78	393.11	438.62
	Shrimp & Fish Culture	18.62	61.82	43.59
Punjab	National Agricultural Extension Project-III	75.28	484.19	484.19
	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Hills)	1063.88	896 05	1194.57
Rajasthan	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Plains)	363.49	860.18	1324.96
	Agricultural Development Project (Rajasthan)	..	1258.06	3698.81
Tamil Nadu	Agricultural Development Project (Tamil-Nadu)	1689.17	2531.99	4741.70
Uttar Pradesh	National Agricultural Extention Project-II	1027 95	1838.67	2651.95
	Shrimp & Fish Culture Project	..	21.23	2.48
	U.P. Sodic Reclammation Project	..	210.89	580.62
West Bengal	Shrimp & Fish Cultural Project	3.42	24.21	40.06

Loan for input supply to farmers in panjab

4885. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) - whether Government sanctioned short term/long-term loans for input supply to the farmers during Kharif and Rabi crops in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned to Punjab for 1994-95 Kharif and Rabi crops; and

(c) the details of the amount alloca ted to the State of Punjab for the said purpose during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Central Government was providing short-term loans to State Governments, including Punjab, for Kharif and Rabi seasons separately every year till 1993-94 to help them to purchase agricultural inputs, namely fertilisers, seeds and pesticides, and make them available to farmers in tune.

(b) Sanctioning of short-term loans to Stales has been discontinued from Rabi 1993-94 season.

(c) Short-term loan amount allocated to Punjab during (he years 1990-91 to 1993-94 is given below:

Year	(Rs. Crores)
1990-91	14.85
1991-92	16.30
1992-93	16.25
1993-94	8.45 (For Kharif. 99 only)

Misconception on subsidies to agriculture sector

4886. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAN-DRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware ihat there is a popular misconception that agricultural sector as a whole is a heavily subsidised sector;

(b) whether Government are also aware that scholars who have looked at the direct and indirect interventions of Government in the agricultural sector find that the net effect of all these inter ventions is equivalent to impositioni of a modest tax on the agricultural sector rather than handing out large subsidies; . and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to remove this misconception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Due to subsidies on fertilisers, irrigation water and power for agriculture, there is a usual feeling that agriculture sector is highly subsidised. However, certain studies which have caxmined the entire interven- tions by the Government in terms of direct and indirect support have concluded that agriculture sector as a whole has been negatively subsidised. The Government is of the view that compared to many of the developed countries, agri- culture sector in India is not. heavily subsidised.

Increasing the productivity of Coconut Plantations

4887. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the possibility of increasing productivity of coconut plantations in the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that no new varieties of coconut have been introduced in the Godavari delta of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the steps proposed by IARI and other research bodies to study ways of increasing productivity of coconut plantations in coastal areas and Godavari delta in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Research efforts to improve pro-ductivity of coconut in coastal areas and Godavari delta in Andhra Pradesh through improved varieties, nutrient, management, inter & mixed cropping, management of major diseases like Gano-derma, Tatipaka etc., are being carried out at Ambajipeta Centre under ICAR's All India Coordinated Research Project on Palms, to develop suitable package of practices for adoption by farmers.

Impetus to marketing of Coconuts

4888. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give impetus to marketing of coconuts in the country;

(b) if so. the details thereof:

(c) whether the Coconut Board has taken any steps to popularise coconut products in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVTND NETAM): (a) and (*b)* For marketing of coconut and its products, following steps are taken:

(i) Central and State agencies are collaborating in the Minimum Support Prices programme for copra, on year to year basis.

(it) Government of Kerala haye decided to distribute coconut oil through PDS to increase the, demand for coconut oil:

(iii) During 8th Plan. Coconut Development Board propose to set up 3 Market Tntelligence-cum-Sales Cen tres in metropolis to promote marketing activities of traditional and non-traditional coconut products and to disseminate market intelligence.